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HEALTHY FAMILIES

MOVING TO MEDI-CAL



All children enrolled in the Healthy Families Program (HFP) will transition to the Medi-Cal program due to a change in California State law. **Children enrolled in Healthy Families will not lose any health, dental, or vision coverage when they are converted to Medi-Cal.**

The "medical necessity" eligibility criteria for the Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) benefit which has been provided through County Mental Health (and its HFP contractors) has not changed during this transition. If a child under the age of 19 continues to meet the eligibility criteria, then the mental health services should be continued. Also, the mental health benefit for less severe mental health problems (for which the child does not meet eligibility criteria for the SED benefit), remains in effect as it was before the transition and continues to be the responsibility of the health plan of the child to coordinate.

The transition will occur in four phases beginning in January 2013, based on the health plan in which the child is currently enrolled. During the transitional period, presumptive aid codes will be assigned according to the child's last known HFP coverage. After their eligibility has been determined they will be assigned one of five new aid codes. Refer to RMD Bulletin No.: NGA 13-017 New Aid Codes For HFP Transition To Medi-Cal for full descriptions.

Phase 1 – Beginning January 1, 2013 or later, the coverage for children in a HFP plan which is also a Medi-Cal managed care health plan will transition to Medi-Cal. They will remain in the same managed care plan and will not need to choose a different plan. This phase of the transition will be done in three parts based on county of responsibility.

- Part A - In January 2013, the State will transition the coverage of children in the counties of Alameda, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara from HFP to Medi-Cal.
- Part B – the State will transition a small portion of children in Los Angeles County from their LA Care Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan beginning March 1, 2013 or later.

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- Part C – the State will transition a large portion of children in Los Angeles County from other various Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans beginning April 1, 2013 or later.

Phase 2 – The State will transition the remaining portion of children in Los Angeles County from their current Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans beginning no sooner than April 1, 2013.

Phase 3 – No sooner than August 1, 2013, children who are in a HFP plan which is not a Medi-Cal managed care health plan or a subcontractor of a Medi-Cal managed care health plan will move into a Medi-Cal managed care health plan of their choice. This choice must be made prior to August 1, 2013. The State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will provide a specific due date in July 2013 for HFP beneficiaries to make a health plan choice. If a choice is not made, children will be automatically enrolled into a plan.

Phase 4 – No sooner than September 1, 2013, children who are in a HFP plan but do not live in a county where there is a Medi-Cal managed care health plan, will move into Medi-Cal Fee For Service (FFS). This phase does not apply to Los Angeles County because there are several Medi-Cal managed care plans in the county. For those clients whose county of responsibility is not Los Angeles, if Medi-Cal managed care health plans are established in that county before Phase 4 begins, HFP beneficiaries will enroll into the Medi-Cal managed care health plan of their choice.

All members of the HFP will receive a letter that explains the changes to the program. A sample letter from the HFP that will be sent out to the Healthy Families members has been attached to this Bulletin and is also available on the link below:

[http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov/Publications/HF LT 991 EN 10312012.pdf](http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov/Publications/HF_LT_991_EN_10312012.pdf).

We're here to help you...

If you have any questions or require further information, contact RMD at (213) 480-3444 or via e-mail at RevenueManagement@dmh.lacounty.gov.

Family Member Number: FMN

DATE

HOH_NAME
ADDR_LINE_1
ADDR_LINE_2
CITY, STATE ZIP



Dear HOH_NAME,

Please read this letter for important information about the Healthy Families Program!

Over the next year, all children in Healthy Families will move to the Medi-Cal program.

Your child will not lose any health, dental or vision coverage. Medi-Cal includes all the benefits of Healthy Families coverage.

- The move to Medi-Cal will happen over one year, starting in 2013.
- We will send you a letter with the date your child is being moved to Medi-Cal.
- We will send you three more letters with important information before your child is moved to Medi-Cal.

Important reminders before your child moves to Medi-Cal:

- Pay your Healthy Families premiums every month.
- Respond to letters about your Annual Eligibility Review.
- Send us your new address if you move and tell us if you change phone numbers.
- Watch your mailbox for three more letters about your child's move to Medi-Cal.

Please read the Frequently Asked Questions on the next page and visit our website at www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov.

If you have questions about Healthy Families, call **1-866-848-9166**, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. or Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The call is free.

Sincerely,

Healthy Families Program

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Frequently Asked Questions About the Healthy Families' Move to Medi-Cal

1. Why is Healthy Families changing?

A new law in California says that children in Healthy Families must be moved to Medi-Cal. The move will take place over one year, starting in 2013.

2. Is Healthy Families open today?

Yes, Healthy Families is open. Don't forget to pay your premiums on time every month and read all your mail from Healthy Families and Medi-Cal.

You can use Health-e-App, the on-line Healthy Families Application, for your annual eligibility reviews or to add a child to Healthy Families. Visit Health-e-App at www.healthapp.net.

3. What is Medi-Cal?

Medi-Cal is California's Medicaid program. It provides medical, dental and vision benefits.

4. Will my child be in the same health plan?

Your child will have health coverage. If your child's Healthy Families health plan also works with Medi-Cal, your child will stay in the same plan.

If your child's Healthy Families health plan does not work with Medi-Cal, you will have to choose a new health plan or a Medi-Cal doctor, depending on the county you live in. We will send you more letters if you need to select a new plan for your child.

5. Will my child be in the same dental plan?

Your child will have dental coverage, but may not be in the same dental plan. We will send you more letters about dental coverage.

6. Will my child be in the same vision plan?

Your child will have vision coverage. Medi-Cal provides vision services through Medi-Cal health plans and Medi-Cal doctors. We will send you more letters about vision coverage.

7. Will I pay premiums for my child in Medi-Cal?

It depends on your income. Some families may not have to pay premiums to Medi-Cal. Some higher income families may pay monthly premiums of \$13 for each child, up to a maximum of \$39 for all children in a family.